

Montana Transportation Commission

January 25, 2006 meeting ~ 8:30 am

Montana Department of Transportation Auditorium
2701 Prospect Avenue ~ Helena Montana

Summary Minutes

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The following is an unofficial **summary** of commission action; the formal minutes of this meeting will be reviewed and approved at the next commission meeting.

Agenda item 2: Adopt the 2006 edition of the Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction

Commissioner Griffith moved to accept staff recommendations to adopt the 2006 edition of the Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction; Commissioner Espy seconded the motion. All five commissioners voted aye.

Agenda item 3: 2004 Safety Engineering Improvement Program

Commissioner Howlett moved to accept staff recommendations to approve the 2004 safety engineering program; Commissioner Espy seconded the motion. Four commissioners (Kennedy, Espy, Howlett and Kottel) voted aye.

Agenda item 4: Secondary Roads Capital Construction Program – Butte District

Commissioner Griffith moved to accept staff recommendations to approve the secondary roads priority list for the Butte district as presented (see below); Commissioner Howlett seconded the motion. All five commissioners voted aye.

S-276, RP 3.5 – 7.98, Brown's Gulch Road, Silver Bow County

Reconstruction of gravel surface to paved surface. Estimated total project cost is \$5.185 million.

S-235, RP 0.0 – 1.95, Valley Center Road, Gallatin County

Reconstruction of paved surface. Estimated construction phase is \$3.1 million (previously approved by the Transportation Commission from prior project split, included for informational purposes).

S-295, RP 9.5 – 10.5, Mission Creek Road, Park County

Slide Repair. Estimated total project cost \$820,000.

S-399, RP 18.3 – 25.1, Whitetail Road, Jefferson County

Reconstruction of gravel surface to paved surface. Estimated total project cost is \$8.01 million.

S-540, RP 4.0 – 11.472, East River Road, Park County (MDT request)

Reconstruction of paved surface. Estimated total project cost is \$9.05 million.

S-249, RP 3.0 – 7.4, Varney Road, Madison County

Reconstruction of gravel surface to paved surface. Estimated total project cost is \$5.185 million.

S-569, RP 9.5 – 15.07, Mill Creek Road, Deer Lodge County

Reconstruction of paved surface. Estimated total project cost \$6.595 million.

S-324, RP 27.7 – 34.567, Bannock Pass, Beaverhead County

Reconstruction of gravel surface to paved surface. Estimated total project cost \$8.17 million.

S-284, RP 31.66 – 36.68, Canyon Ferry Road, Broadwater County

Rehabilitation of paved surface. Estimated total project cost \$6.045 million.

S-294, RP 7.9 – 8.4, Martinsdale Road, Meagher County

Reconstruction of two sub-standard curves over abandoned railroad bed. Estimated total project cost \$744,000.

The new projects will be programmed for preliminary engineering when funding becomes available for the Butte District Secondary Roads Capital Construction Program. At this time, the first two priorities can move forward.

Agenda item 5: Locally funded construction projects on state and federal system routes in the cities of Billings, Deer Lodge, and Hamilton, and Valley County

Commissioner Kottel moved to accept staff recommendations to approve the projects presented and delegate authority to let, award, and administer the contracts for these projects to the cities of Billings, Deer Lodge, and Hamilton, and Valley County, pending concurrence on the design plans from MDT's chief engineer; Commissioner Griffith seconded the motion. All five commissioners voted aye.

For additional details, please refer to the commission's website at

http://www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/trans_comm/meetings.shtml

Agenda item 6: System action in Missoula County on the state Secondary Highway System

Commissioner Howlett moved to accept staff recommendations to approve the addition of Waldo Road/Frenchtown Frontage Road from US 93 to the junction of the Huson Interchange crossroad (MDT X-32168) to the Secondary Highway System, with the proviso that the state will not be responsible for maintenance of the route until it has been reconstructed to state standards; and the removal of Pattee Canyon Drive/Deer Creek Road, (Secondary 533) from the Secondary Highway System; Commissioner Espy seconded the motion. All five commissioners voted aye.

Agenda item 7: Enhancement project on MDT right-of-way
Canal Footbridge – Hamilton

Commissioner Howlett moved to accept staff recommendations to approve the addition of the Canal Footbridge in Hamilton CTEP project to the program; Commissioner Griffith seconded the motion. All five commissioners voted aye.

Agenda item 8: Chip-seal project on Interstate 15
Augusta Interchange – Hardy Creek

Commissioner Kottel moved to accept staff recommendations to approve the addition of a seal and cover (chip-seal) project Augusta Interchange – Hardy Creek into the program. This 18.734-mile project is located on Interstate 15 between Helena and Great Falls, beginning at reference point 229.099 and ending at reference point 247.829; Commissioner Espy seconded the motion. All five commissioners voted aye.

Agenda item 9: Proposed new administrative rules for outdoor advertising

Commissioner Kottel moved to accept staff recommendations to approve the proposed notice and authorize the chairperson sign the notice to be filed with the Secretary of State's office for publication in the Register, appointing Assistant Attorney General Jim Scheier as a hearings officer to conduct a public hearing to gather public comments on proposed changes to the Administrative Rules of Montana concerning outdoor advertising; Commissioner Griffith seconded the motion. All five commissioners voted aye.

Agenda item 10: Letting lists

Commissioner Espy moved to accept staff recommendations to approve the lettings lists for January through September 2006; Commissioner Griffith seconded the motion. All five commissioners voted aye.

Agenda item 11: Certificates of completion for November 2005

Commissioner Griffith moved to accept staff recommendations to approve the certificates of completion for November 2005 in the amount of \$33,035,027; Commissioner Espy seconded the motion. All five commissioners voted aye.

Agenda item 12: Project change orders

November 2005 = \$1,218,022.38

Commissioner Howlett moved to accept staff recommendations to approve the project change orders as presented for November 2005; Commissioner Espy seconded the motion. All five commissioners voted aye.

Agenda item 13: Liquidated damages

- a) *\$9,368 assessed on project IM 94-5(33)189 Culvert Repair – 7 km E of Fallon (Century Companies Inc. of Lewistown)*
- b) *\$6,020 assessed on project SFCS 365-1(6)1 East of Brady – East (Schellinger Construction Co. Inc. of Columbia Falls)*
- c) *\$6,020 assessed on project SFCS 573-1(1)0 Medicine Lake – East Prince Inc. of Forsyth)*

The commission took no action therefore the liquidated damages stand.

Agenda item 14: Set schedule for development of the 2006-2011 Tentative Construction Program (fall 2006)

Commissioner Espy moved to accept staff recommendations to set the Tentative Construction Program (TCP) meetings during October 16-19 with a regular commission meeting on October 20 during which the commission would take final action on the TCP; Commissioner Griffith seconded the motion. All five commissioners voted aye.

The TCP preparatory meeting will take place during the commission meeting scheduled for September 13-14, 2006.